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SUBJ: ICAO. SEC GEN ELECTION

REF: STATE 35275

1. ACEBAL, HEAD OF AVIATION AND MARITIME AFFAIRS IN SPANISH FONMIN TOLD EMBOFF GOS MIGHT PRESENT LT. COL. GOMEZ-JARA, OF THEIR AIR FORCE, A SPECIALIST IN AVIATION LAW, AS THEIR CANDIDATE FOR ICAO SEC GEN. HE OBSERVED THAT ALTHOUGH TRADITION IN ICAO DICTATED A JURIDICAL PRESIDENT AND A TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED SECRETARY GENERAL, IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO GOS THAT PRESENT SEC GEN LITAITE BELONGED COMPLETELY IN THE CATEGORY OF JURIST. HOWEVER, GOS DECISION TO PRESENT CANDIDACY GOMEZ-JARA STILL NOT FINAL.

2. ACEBAL NOTED THAT SOUTH AMERICAN AND FRENCH CANDIDATES FORMALLY BEFORE GOS IN ADDITION TO THAT OF MRS. DILLON AND THAT GOS MEANT TO THINK LONG ABOUT ITS POSITION IN THIS ELECTION, WHICH DUE TAKE PLACE APRIL 11, WHETHER OR NOT IT PRESENTS OWN CANDIDATE.

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3. CARLOS GOMEZ-JARA IS A SPANISH AIR FORCE LT. COL. SPECIALIZED IN LEGAL AFFAIRS WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN

ICAO. HE HAS BEEN SPAIN'S PERMANENT DELEGATE THERE,
AS WELL AS CHIEF OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL DEPART-
MENT, A POSITION TO WHICH HE WAS ELECTED IN 1973.
AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT, GONEZ-JARA WAS QUOTED AS ASCRIBING
HIS ELECTION IN PART TO THE OBJECTIVE POINT OF VIEW
SPAIN HAS ALWAYS EXPRESSED IN ICAO.
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